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German Patent Publication No. 101 46 837 A1 discloses a twin clutch gearbox. The International Search Report indicates that the Figures are particularly relevant to claims 6 and 7.

German Patent Publication No. 103 20 280 A1 discloses a transmission that has a pair of clutches as seen in Figure 10. The International Search Report indicates that Figure 10 is particularly relevant to claim 11.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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